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1. USYG DAVIDSON TOLD US AUGUST 4 HE KNEW NOTHING OF ANY PLAN FOR SYG TO PRESENT TO UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE A PROPOSAL ON METHODOLOGY FOR LOCAL SURVEYS ON GENERAL SERVICE SALARIES. HE CONFIRMED ARRANGEMENT RECENTLY MADE IN GENEVA WITH STAFF AGREEMENT FOR DEFERMENT OF AUGUST 1 COST OF LIVING PAY INCREASE. HE SAID STAFF REALIZED IT WOULD B POLITICALLY INOPPORTUNE AND THEY ALSO SAW THAT SINCE RATE OF INFLATION HAD GONE DOWN, USE AT THIS TIME OF THE THREE-YEAR OFIANT INDEX WOULD HAVE COMPENSATED THEM TWICE FOR INFLATION. DAVIDSON SAID, HOWEVER, HE WAS CERTAIN ONE MORE ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION WOULD HAVE TO BE GRANTED IN GENEVA, PROBABLY AROUND DECEMBER, BEFORE ICSC TAKES OVER QUESTION OF DETERMINING GS SALARY LEVELS.

2. DAVIDSON SAID THAT ICSC CHAIRMAN QUIJANO HAD SENT LETTER TO ACC EXPRESSING HOPE THAT UN AGENCIES WOULD NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON GS SALARIES PRIOR TO COMMISSION BEING SEIZED WITH QUESTION. THIS HAD BEEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN SEEKING DEFERRAL OF AUGUST 1 INCREASE.

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